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S. 2222

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the financial limitation on rehabilitation services under part B of the Medicare Program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 25, 1998

Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. HOLLINGS, and Mr. D'AMATO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Reinstatement of the
5 Medicare Rehabilitation Benefit Act of 1998”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF FINANCIAL LIMITATION ON REHABILI-**
7 **TATION SERVICES.**

8 (a) REPEAL.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1833 of the Social
2 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l) is amended by strik-
3 ing subsection (g).

4 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made
5 by paragraph (1) shall apply to services furnished on
6 or after January 1, 1999.

7 (b) OFFSETTING PORTION OF ADDITIONAL EXPEND-
8 ITURES THROUGH PAYMENT REFORM.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
10 provision of law, for outpatient physical therapy
11 services, outpatient occupational therapy services,
12 and outpatient speech-language pathology services
13 covered under title XVIII of the Social Security Act
14 and furnished on or after January 1, 2000, the Sec-
15 retary of Health and Human Services shall imple-
16 ment a new payment methodology based on the clas-
17 sification of individuals by diagnostic category, func-
18 tional status, and prior use of services in both inpa-
19 tient and outpatient settings.

20 (2) BUDGET NEUTRALITY IN IMPLEMENTA-
21 TION.—Such payment methodology shall be designed
22 so that the methodology, taking into account the in-
23 creased expenditures resulting from the amendment
24 made by subsection (a), does not result in any in-
25 crease or decrease in the expenditures under title

- 1 XVIII of the Social Security Act on a fiscal year
- 2 basis.

